

THE COLORED STEAMBOAT CO.

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ing this the F. T. L., and Imp. Co. had until July 1st to make their payments of the boat.

When July 1st came the Co. had gone through many difficulties and had lost money by operating the steamer and did not raise any money to pay off the crew nor to make the other payment. According to promise I was compelled to make another payment to the owner which amounted to \$1,050 and also pay the crew so the F. T. L. and Imp. Co., could operate the steamer during the month as this was a profitable month for our Co., but owing to the losses of our Co. in June, it took the profit of July to cover it. August 1st arrived and the sum of \$2,000 was due. Still there was not any money in the hands of our company. We received a notice from the owners stating that \$6,000 and over was due and threatening to take the boat if it was not paid at once.

The F. T. L., and Imp. Co. had a meeting and the notice was read to it. The threat was discussed and no money being raised by them, I, Lewis Jefferson, offered to pay one-third of the full amount of \$6,000, if the remainder was raised by it. As it failed to do this, I offered to pay one-half of the entire bill if the company would raise the other, but it did not do it, so you can plainly see my situation.

I went to Baltimore again and placed in the hands of Mr. Isaac Filbert the sum of \$1,000 with the understanding that the Co. would be given more time to make their payments. He notified the Co. that if something was not done by August 7th he would certainly send some one with written authority to take charge of the steamer. This notice was received and discussed between the President, secretary, myself and others of our company, but we could not come to any agreement as to how the money could be raised in such a short time. The next day I received a letter from Mr. Isaac Filbert, President of the Jane Moseley Steamboat Company, advising me to take charge of and operate the steamer until further orders.

I told our company as long as I was in charge, they still had a chance to make their payments and save the steamer, as I had made arrangements with the owners to that effect. I went to Baltimore with the steamer, August 8th, as we didn't have any more charters until August 23rd. I carried out the work in Baltimore all right and we returned to Washington in time to finish up all the work for the season.

All this time our company had done nothing, only a few being willing to put up any money to save the steamer. I did receive in cash \$100 each from two members of the company to use as if it was my own to try and save the steamer. It is very plainly seen how and by whom the steamer was kept here to carry out the work for Churches and other organizations of the city. Some of the same our company had received deposits on and I being manager of the steamer for our Co. up to August 7th, made daily reports to our secretary, Mr. James L. Neill, with full accounts of all money received, and expended, accompanied with vouchers of every expense.

I am prepared to give any information to any member of our company in relation to our business or any one interested in the boat. Some of the mem-

bers of our company said that they would not have cared if the Jane Moseley had not stayed in Washington, that they wanted it to be taken back to Baltimore, but I thought differently. I have kept her here for a good purpose as we need her for our people in Washington. I have been encouraged by the Churches and some of the best organizations. It is my earnest desire for our company and our race to try and save the boat as this business can successfully be carried on by our people and make both pleasure and money for our people. I will be glad to hear from or see anyone in connection with this business.

"I am ready to have my accounts audited by any auditor of repute in the District of Columbia or any five honest men on the courts of the District and will put up a bond to cover any shortage that may occur, but I do not think it fair to have by accounts audited by my particular friends or my particular enemies. There is a profitable business with the right people in charge of the boat and our people should not let a good thing go by, but we must be careful whom we select in the business, because it is not a thing to play with."

MISSISSIPPI'S FAVORITE SON REV. E. W. LAMPTON, D. D.

The approaching General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church suggests the idea to me to say a few words in behalf of Mississippi's favorite son, Rev. E. W. Lampton, D. D., as his own successor as financial secretary of this great connection.

Four years ago when Mississippi offered him for the place some could reasonably plead as an excuse for withholding their support that they doubted his ability to successfully handle this department. But God, in His all-wise Providence having seen proper to take unto himself the lamented Dr. Hubbard, an incident the entire church regretted, the good Bishops in their wisdom selected Dr. Lampton to fill the unexpired term. Without reflecting the least upon any of those who have hitherto managed this department, I venture the assertion that the office has never been handled better since its organization. Like President Roosevelt in succeeding the late President McKinley, he does not feel fully licensed to do all that he might do, because he has not been elected by the general church. His work of about three years as an appointee is only a foretaste of what we may expect during the next quadrennium, if elected by the next general conference. A man by nature a financier, strong in executive ability, reader as well as leader of men, and polished gentleman, he easily carries to the office a fitness but few are blessed to possess. His work in this State alone, for the church, Masonic order and race, towers above that of any other colored man living or dead, ex-

cepting possibly the lamented Dr. Thos. W. Stringer.

Taking charge of the Masonic order in this State when disintegration seemed eminent, he has by his efforts, above that of anyone else, made it the greatest financial lever in the State, and possibly the South, operated by our people. From a depleted treasury in 1893 he has developed it into a full one carrying a balance always from twenty thousand to fifty thousand dollars, and paying out on an average of six thousand dollars per month to widows and orphans of deceased members. Such is the result of the great financier, Dr. E. W. Lampton, whom every one in Mississippi, not only in the A. M. E. Church, but every sect and creed, race and color shall delight to see elected financial secretary.

In offering him, we entertain no selfish motives, but are fully satisfied we offer one of the best-fitted men in the race for the place. In a few instances it is intimated that all of the delegates will not be for Lampton's election. Having lived in this State all my life and most of the time an active layman in the A. M. E. Church, I am inclined to think I know something of the sentiment in the State as regards the doctor. If there are any who are quietly opposing him either ministerial or lay delegates they do not represent the constituency at whose hands they were elected, and could not have been elected by any electoral college or annual conference in the State had it been known that they were in the least opposed to the election of Lampton as financial secretary. This is saying a great deal, but anyone conversant with church affairs in this State can not truthfully contradict the assertion. The idea that the delegation from Mississippi will offer candidates for other places besides that of financial secretary is erroneous and misleading, and need not be given any serious consideration. When the general conference assembles all delegates from Mississippi will be found in the Lampton column first, last, and all the time, or report to their constituency the reason why.

CHAS. BANKS,
Cashier Bank of Mound Buying,
and lay delegate to the general conference.

Persons writing articles for The Colored American should always send their names in, not necessarily for publication, but that the editor may know the writer of the article. A number of well-written communications have come to this office, but could not be used for the reason that the writers did not enclose their names.

Mr. James A. Munroe, of Greensburg, Pa., spent a few hours in the city last week.

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